

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 2 and 3 as follows:

Claim 1. (Cancelled)

Claim 2. (Currently Amended) A product marked by irradiating a laser beam onto a marking position on ~~said~~ an object to be marked, said product comprising:

polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) as a substrate of an object to be marked;

~~interlaced fibers contained in the PTFE as a filler;~~

a filler for reinforcement contained in the PTFE;

the PTFE and filler being compressed together; and

a surface ~~of the PTFE including a fluffed portion~~ at said marking position of the irradiated object to be marked forming a fluffed portion of the PTFE, ~~said fluffed portion including PTFE separated from the interlaced fibers; and~~

the fluffed portion of the PTFE exhibiting a white-based color contrast different from ~~that~~ a color contrast of a non-irradiated surface of the PTFE.

Claim 3. (Currently Amended) The product of claim 2, wherein ~~the interlaced fibers~~ said filler include includes a color different from the white-based color contrast of the

fluffed portion to further differentiate the fluffed portion of the surface of the PTFE from the non-irradiated surface of the PTFE.